universities/institutions imparting technical education in India, 2005 of the AICTE, only technical education (courses) under collaboration by foreign universities with Indian Institutions are required to be registered with the Council.

(c) and (d) Two foreign universities have registered with the AICTE for offering technical courses in collaboration with Indian Institutions. The Council motions the registered foreign universities under the provisions of the Regulations.

Regularisation of foreign universities

601. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to introduce a Bill to regularize functioning of foreign universities in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of foreign universities in India at present; and

(d) the details regarding courses and subjects being offered and also the fee structure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) There is a proposal for a central legislation to regulate the entry and operations, as well as to prevent commercialization of higher education, by Foreign Educational Institutions.

(c) There are no campuses of Foreign Universities in India at present.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (c).

Maths and English for minorities

602. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to introduce a policy which makes Maths and English as optional subjects for minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;